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TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

The real meaning, I take it, of Mr. Gerald Balfour's declaration at Leeds of the policy of the Government with regard to China is that Ministers will not stand any "backing-down" in the Far East. If so, then things are well. But one cannot help wishing that the Government could see their way to take the nation into their confidence over some small extent. What everybody is really wanting to know is whether or not we made a definite demand on Russia that Tientsin was not to be closed to our trade, and whether we have stuck to that demand or not.

Now there is no use in beating about the bush in the matter. At present nine-tenths of the world believe that we did make such a demand, that the strong speech of Sir Michael Hicks Beach was intended to back it up, and that the Government have yielded. Now it may very well be that this idea is based upon an entire misconception, but it is doing the Government great harm both at home and abroad. Ministers have said either too little or too much, and having given out what they have done, the wisest course would be to tell the nation in precise terms exactly where it stands. They need not fear then that they will not have sufficient support. The country is eager to back Lord Salisbury, but not in backing-down.

The most satisfactory piece of news in connection with the Chinese question is the appointment of Mr. Bredon to be Sir Robert Hart's assistant in the Chinese Customs. Sir Robert is the advance guard of English influence in the Far East, and he has been compelled to accept a foreign lieutenant, it would have meant that our influence was on the wane, and that of some other Power in the ascendant, at the Chinese Court. That his request for Mr. Bredon's appointment should have been granted shows that the Chinese Government, at all events, are not yet prepared to throw themselves into the hands of Russia. And that is all to the good.

We have had so many examples of how not to do it from the Indian side of the border that it is particularly pleasant to see that the outbreak in Baluchistan has been tackled with a thoroughness and a success which show that our hand has not yet lost its cunning. The little action at Turbat seems to have been a mere prelude to the real fight, and the fact that the British have been able to deal with the situation so effectively is a most encouraging sign. It is not strange, by the way, to notice the singular luck in the way of wounds and accidents which has pursued our generals in India lately. Perhaps now that the commander-in-chief has broken his leg, the spell will be broken too.

Every sort of effort is being made by the Russian authorities to keep the thing quiet, but, as a matter of fact, there is not the slightest doubt that pestilence and famine are raging in the districts of the Caspian Sea, and that the famine is so terrible that the newspapers to say anything about it—what appears to be the notion of the Czar's Government—and typhus does not become less dangerous because the authorities insist on calling it by another name. The Russian Government will have enough to do to relieve it without adding a war with England to their existing difficulties. Which fact is worth remembering in London.

It would seem that the latest idea of the Radicalism is to have the Liberal Unionists back to the fold by the ingenious expedient of leaving Home Rule as something to be thought over in the future. I am afraid they won't manage to put salt on Mr. Chamberlain's tail by this dodge. Things have come too far for that. The Liberal party are not to be reconstructed again. The union between the Conservatives and the Liberal Unionists has become far too complete to be dissolved. The allies have come to understand one another so entirely that among all the differences left, besides the Radical party, as it exists now, is not so fascinating that anybody would want to rat to it.

It seems that the Sunday Closing people are going to begin a "special campaign" during the coming session. Bless their simple hearts! Why on earth can't they let us alone? Surely there are restrictions enough without adding to them. I cannot for the life of me see why should be compelled to close on the Lord's day. The temperance compounds on one particular day of the week because another man cannot take anything else without making a beast of himself. It is ridiculous to say that Sunday Closing has been successful in either Scotland or Wales. It has not. The people are deprived of their refreshment while the drunkard gets his liquor in on Saturday night and soaks all Sunday at home.

Ever since France came out of the terrible winter of the Great Revolution her coins have been the object of the admiration of the world. It is just the sort of thing to make those decent people in the country who were gradually beginning to think that the Republic might as well be left alone, thoroughly disgusted with it. And, mind you, the Republic is not so strong a force that it can afford to increase its enemies.

More and more am I filled with respectful admiration at the electioneering astuteness of Oom Paul. The old gentleman's latest dodge is quite one of the best I ever heard of. He is issuing silver medals for domestic virtue, and gratified voters and themselves decorated in this way by the Transvaal Government. His rivals are naturally unable to compete with this particular form of corruption, which came across the water, and it was certainly of considerable intrinsic value. I regret to say, however, that Uncle Paul has not yet seen fit to send one to

LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

HOME.
Outdoor labour is partially stopped in Durham owing to heavy snowfall. The Bishop of Peterborough is laid up with influenza. Mr. J. Duckworth, M.P., opened a new Radical club at Castleton (Lancs.). John Bond was committed for trial at Chesterfield on a charge of night poaching. At Chelmsford Prison yesterday a warden named Borene fell dead whilst on duty. Edward Alston, 69, farmer, fell dead while lifting a glass in the Framway Hotel, Lancaster.

At Northwich, Thomas Murphy, who has been convicted 12 times, was fined 40s or 14 days for being drunk and assaulting P.C. Waldron. "Temporary insanity" was the verdict at Winton, near Eccles, on Albert Smith, tinsmith worker, who committed suicide by hanging himself. At Barry, Joseph Bontledge, and James M. Jones, were remanded on a charge of stealing lead and iron from a mill at Tottington.

The engine-house near the bottom of the shaft at Outwood Colliery, Radcliffe, took fire. All the men were rescued.

A Greek boarding-house in N. Shields was destroyed by fire. A sea man was badly injured jumping from a window.

John Wood and Alfred Evans died from scalds caused by a boiler plate giving way at Monway Steel Works, Wednesbury.

The platers' helpers' strike at the Hartlepool shipbuilding yards has been settled, the men returning to work at the present rate.

The smacks Ranger and Maid of Kent arrived at Grimsby. Each reported the loss of deck hands swept overboard during the gale.

Peter Olson was remanded at Liverpool charged with shooting at Matilda Swanson, a barmaid, with intent to murder her.

An elderly lady named Sweet fell in front of an approaching train at Coalville Station (L. and N.W.Ry.) and was killed.

The first batch of about 300 English volunteers to the Indian Army left Southampton for Vancouver.

Mary Clarke was at Doncaster sent for 2 months for cruelty to her daughter, and fined 5s. and costs for drunkenness.

Sarah Shelve, 35, cook in the employ of the Rev. W. F. Fildes, of the Rectory of Beckenham Parish Church, died suddenly at St. Paul's Church, New Beckenham, where she had gone to attend a Bible class.

An inquest was opened at Chatham yesterday on the body of Charles Poulter, 29, who fell from a chimney at the Chatham Dockyard. Dockyard, fracturing his skull, arm, and jaw. The inquest was adjourned.

The engine-house near the bottom of the shaft at Outwood Colliery, Radcliffe, was yesterday found on fire. There were 75 men working in the pit. The engine-house was completely destroyed, and the shaft filled with smoke, and taken to the surface.

At Cheltenham yesterday, Fanny Meddings, of Birmingham, was detained by the police pending inquiries. It appears she was travelling on the Midland Railway, and the child of a theatrical manager, residing in Oxford, and when a few miles from Cheltenham the child fell out of the window and was killed.

FOREIGN.
At Como, Italy, 8 men were killed and 20 injured by the fall of a chimney during a gale.

Mr. Brønnehaugen, editor of the "Orange Free State Express," died early yesterday.

A strong double shock of earthquake occurred at Laibach, Austria, yesterday. No damage was done.

The German Ambassador maintains the most complete reserve with reference to the appointment of Prince George of Greece as Governor of Crete. It is believed that Germany will not support the Porte in its resistance.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies approved a bill for the reduction of the duty on barley by one half, and of that on white maize by 2.50 lire.

The Spanish Government has decided to send 2 additional cruisers to the United States. It is not yet stated to which ports they will be despatched. At the same time arrangements are being rapidly made for the despatch of further warships to Cuban waters.

AMERICAN MARKETS.
NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Wheat closed firm, unchanged. Corn firm, 1/2 cent. Cotton steady, 7 points up. Sugar firm, 1/2 cent. Copper firm, 1/2 cent. Tin steady, 5 points higher. Bacon steady. Flour 5 points higher.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Gold money, United States Government Bonds, 10 1/2 per cent. Call money, 60 days' sight, 4 1/2 per cent. Cable transfers, 4 1/2 per cent. Exchange on Paris, 60 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 90 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 120 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 180 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 240 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 360 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 420 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 480 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 540 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 600 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 660 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 720 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 780 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 840 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 900 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 960 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 1020 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 1080 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 1140 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. Ditto, 1200 days' sight, 5 1/2 per cent. 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The Earl of Clonmel has died at

Thorpe Hall, Leamington. The deceased was the sixth Earl, and was born on Dec. 29, 1847. He was formerly captain in the Scots Fusilier Guards, and in 1875 married Lucy Mary, daughter of the late Mr. Anthony Wilson, M.P., of Rancely Hall, Leamington. He was a J.P. for Warwickshire, and succeeded to the title in 1896. He is succeeded by his son, Lord Marlborough, who was born on Nov. 14, 1877.

"Cross my hand with a piece of silver, my dear," the gipsy pleaded. "Ah! don't shake your head. It's nothing but the truth you'll hear from me."

"I am in a hurry," Lillian said. "Here is a shilling, if it will help you; but I cannot stay."

"I don't take money for nothing," the gipsy declared. "And, as you won't let me see your hand I'll tell you what I see in your face. A fair maid has crossed your path; but have nothing to say to him. You think he loves you now; but in a little while he'll tire of you, as he has tired of others, and then he'll just cast you off without even a regret, one kindly word. He is false and cruel—wret and thief."

The woman's voice had grown hoarse with passion.

Lillian was pored beneath the ragged shawl perceiving that there, and a pair of shuffling dark eyes met hers.

"Be warned," the woman cried, "and go from his before it is too late."

She turned on her heel then, and hastened away. When she reached a bend of the road, she flung back her shawl, and laughed hysterically.

"I have seen her," she cried. "I have planted the first doubt, and I will end by sweeping away every scrap of faith she has in him. Oh! Marie! Mother! you played with fire when you played with Dodo Kankai's love!"

She lifted her clenched hand.

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The weekly return of births and deaths in London and in 32 other great towns states that the deaths registered last week corresponded to an annual rate of 18.7 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,218,378 persons in the middle of this year.

In London 2,639 births and 1,764 deaths were registered last week. Allowing for increase of population, the births were 148 and the deaths 254 below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years.

During the 4 weeks ending 24.4 per 1,000, being 2.9 per 1,000 below the mean rate in the corresponding periods of the 10 years 1888-97.

The 1,764 deaths included 79 from measles, 17 from scarlet fever, 36 from diphtheria, 84 from whooping-cough, 9 from enteric fever, 1 from an ill-defined form of continued fever, 10 from diarrhoea and dysentery, and not one death from smallpox, from typhus, or from cholera; thus, 236 deaths were referred to those diseases, being 35 above the corrected average weekly number.

Different forms of violence caused 52 deaths last week, concerning all but 1 of which inquests were held.

In Greater London 3,678 births and 2,291 deaths were registered last week, corresponding to annual rates of 18.6 and 18.6 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The African railways cover 21,687 miles. The common frog possesses 80 teeth. Natural gas has been used in China for many centuries.

There is a clock in Brussels that is kept going by the wind.

There are 100 different ways of preparing potatoes for the table.

The Atlantic Ocean is crossed monthly by 1,000 ships.

Last year the French consumed over 20,000 tons of tobacco.

The new Russian Ambassador, Prince Oranoff, will arrive in Paris on Feb. 15.

The Hon. Josefine Percy, second son of Earl Percy, has died at Alnwick Castle, aged 26.

Gen. Diaz, President of Mexico, will shortly pay a visit to the United States.

The Earl of Devon, 86, preaches and performs all his duties as Preliminary Canon of Exeter Cathedral.

The yacht Alert capsized and sank off Bermuda. Sub-lieut. Fitz-Roy, and a sailor of H.M.S. Rambler were drowned.

In a recent test of floor material, the most durable turned out to be a tile made of rubber. An English earthen tile came next.

At Acheen alone 800 tons of steel wire are used annually in the manufacture of cables—4,500,000,000 in number, valued at £300,000.

Every day the inhabitants of the United Kingdom wear away £200,000 worth of shoe leather, or enough leather to make 100,000 pairs of shoes.

Australia is 26 times as large as the United Kingdom, 15 times as large as France, and almost equal to the United States.

Russian women and Japanese men are said to be the most skillful workers with the needle in decorative effects that the world has ever seen.

Dean Farrar says that the youth who could take any harm from seeing Irving in "Macbeth" or "Hamlet" should be kept under a glass case.

The Scotch coal shipment for last week amounted to 152,714 tons, 120,469 were shipped in the corresponding week of last year.

An English statistician has figured out that in the year 2301 there will be no further use for insane asylums, for the reason that there will be no sane persons left to lock up the crazy ones.

The person who is late Mr. B. Lucraft, a former M.P., and member of the school board, who died on Sept. 25, is sworn to £334 8s. 7d. by his daughter, the sole executrix, Miss M. Lucraft.

A wedding of unusual interest was celebrated at Thurston, near Southampton. The bridegroom, Peter Wright, is 75 years old, and his bride, Jane Brookfield, has just attained her three score years and ten.

The Empress of Japan takes a great interest in all that concerns the nation, from the rice crop upwards. Her Majesty is said to have a special talent for literature. A pretty poem of hers, set to music, is sung in the schools all over the land.

While Mrs. Elliott, wife of the Bishop of Gloucester, and Miss Elliott were being driven in a brougham one of the horses fell to the ground. Shortly afterwards the bishop, who was tricycling, rode up, and was relieved to find that no one was injured.

The steamer Cabenda landed at Cape Coast Castle, Sierra Leone, 10 men of the W. India Regiment, with Capt. Barchard and Lieut. Row and Thorne, and Lieut. Horsburgh of the Army Service Corps, all of whom will proceed at once to Comassie.

St. Pancras railway station, the Metropolitan Railway Bill during the ensuing Parliamentary Session so far as that measure related to the construction of large ventilation holes in the fore-courts of the houses in Euston-road.

Mr. John Forster, leader of the N.E. Circuit, has retired from practice at the Bar after a connection therewith of over 35 years. He holds the offices of Attorney-General for the County Palatine of Durham and the Recorder of Hull.

Mr. E. F. Hatch, M.P., who is travelling in India, has decided to extend his tour from Bombay and Calcutta to the N.W. frontier, in order to study more closely the condition of affairs in that direction. It is probable that he will not be able to reach London before the Easter recess.

The London Bridge and Greenwich steamers will recommence running in the second or third week of next month. Three special steamers for this service are now being constructed at the Thames Iron and Shipbuilding Co., but will embody many improvements.

The total number of vessels of all classes, large and small, to be under construction for the Royal Navy during the current financial year was estimated 10 months ago at not less than 208, including 14 battleships and 8 first-class cruisers, but these have been delayed by the engineers' strike.

Mr. Bass held an inquest at Hildenborough, Kent, relative to the death of a newly-born female child, whose body was found beneath the man road wrapped in an apron and a piece of brown paper, but with no marks to lead to identification. Medical evidence showed that death resulted from

congestion of the brain, caused by bruises. Open verdict.

Of the earth's surface 1,500,000 acres are devoted to tobacco culture.

The Polar currents are said to contain less salt than those from the Equator.

It is said that 60 per cent. of the cases of short-sightedness are hereditary.

The Russian sceptre is of solid gold, 360 lbs., and contains 258 diamonds, 350 rubies, and 15 emeralds.

In England there are 84 male to 16 female offenders; in Scotland the proportion is 67 to 33.

Lace handkerchiefs, with the initials woven in diamonds, are a late form of costly extravagance.

There are nearly 320,000 maldenants in London—nearly equal to the whole population of Sheffield.

The most ancient European coin, the drachma, was first struck in the mint of Venice, about 1284.

Phoenix Park, Dublin, is one of the finest cycling grounds in the world. There are 7 miles of excellent roads.

The Government of the Congo State has decided to build another railway at a cost of £4,000,000.

St. Pancras Vestry have refused the Street Syndicate Co. permission to erect kiosks in the parish.

At St. Asaph, a copy of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" printed by R. Pynson in 1498, sold for £150.

It is announced from Managua that Gen. Santos Zelaya has inaugurated his second term of office as President of Nicaragua.

The Duke of Westminster has gone for a few days to Halkyn Castle, his seat in Flintshire, for change after his recent illness.

The next literary examination of Militia Subalterns will be held in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh on April 19 and following days.

Justice Bigham will preside at the annual dinner of the United Law Clerical Society, which will take place at Holborn Restaurant on May 23.

The Duke and Duchess of York have accepted an invitation to visit Swansea early in April to open a new pier at the Mumbles.

A proposal has been made by a French chemist to obtain easily assimilable iron tonics from vegetables by feeding the plants judiciously with iron fertilisers.

It is said that the entire African race in America is gradually becoming bleached, and that the process of years the black face will disappear entirely.

Each policeman in the Metropolitan and City of London forces is estimated to cost on an average about 268 pence annually, and he arrests about 9 persons a year.

The British Army rifle has 82 component parts, in the production of which 932 machines are employed, as well as various processes which do not require machinery.

A woman, an old woman who lately died in Vienna showed that she had spent 38,240 florins on lottery tickets, while her winnings amounted to only 500 florins.

Dr. Brown, Bishop of Bristol, was the first cleric in England elected in England, and for many years did excellent work as a J.P. at Cambridge.

Lord Farquhar will preside at a meeting in the Mansion House on Monday, March 14, in support of the work of the Church Army among the coloured people.

The number of women and girls employed in the textile trades in England is as follows:—Cotton trade, 58,480; woollen and worsted trade, 16,870; and the silk trade, 1,760; making a total of 77,110.

Chinese characters are telegraphed; figure have to be used corresponding to certain words. Only one-eighth of the words of the language are in this code, but this has been found sufficient for practical purposes.

An automatic electric music leaf-turner, the latest patent. It is claimed for it that it can be easily attached to any piano music-rack, and it is operated by touching a button with the foot.

Belgium is the home of the racing pigeon, and the sport is a national game, and a good pigeon frequently wins for its owner large sums of money, the prizes being considerable, to which heavy pools are added.

The death is announced of Phoebe Goode, widow, of Epsom, Forest of Dean, who died at the age of 100 years. Deceased, who had been married twice, leaves behind 43 grandchildren and over 100 great-grandchildren.

All the suitors for a girl's hand in Borneo are expected to be generous in their presents to her. These presents are returned; therefore the wily young lady defers as long as possible a positive selection of the happy man.

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Mr. S. Monk, who has for many years occupied the position of inquiry agent attached to the solicitors' department of the G.N. Ry., will retire on a superannuation at the end of March next. Mr. Monk has been in the company's service 36 years.

At Colchester, Lord and Lady Rosamond were fined 5s. 6d. each and 10s. 6d. costs for riding bicycles on the footpath at the Broomfield Road.

It was stated that the road has been relaid with stone, there was, however, room at the side for cycles.

The Duke of Wellington, we are informed by a correspondent, was not the only Irishman who has filled the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland since the late Lord Nassau.

Towards Earl of Mayo, also occupied the position.

Sergt. Beirne, of the J. Div. of the Metropolitan Police, has retired on a full pension after 26 years' service. His total Government service exceeds 34 years, he having, previous to joining the London police, served for 8 years in the Royal Irish Constabulary.

It is something of a surprise to learn that from Rome, the home of the arts, the value of the cheese imported from that city is only £290 less than as the proverbial sweep, and was being the second article on the list of exports from Rome.

A young Cockney Irishwoman, named Johanna Shean, was charged at Thames with disorderly conduct. She was fighting with other women in Brompton, and was in the company of 108, including 14 battleships and 8 first-class cruisers, but these have been delayed by the engineers' strike.

Mr. Bass held an inquest at Hildenborough, Kent, relative to the death of a newly-born female child, whose body was found beneath the man road wrapped in an apron and a piece of brown paper, but with no marks to lead to identification. Medical evidence showed that death resulted from

congestion of the brain, caused by bruises. Open verdict.

Of the earth's surface 1,500,000 acres are devoted to tobacco culture.

The Polar currents are said to contain less salt than those from the Equator.

It is said that 60 per cent. of the cases of short-sightedness are hereditary.

The Russian sceptre is of solid gold, 360 lbs., and contains 258 diamonds, 350 rubies, and 15 emeralds.

In England there are 84 male to 16 female offenders; in Scotland the proportion is 67 to 33.

Lace handkerchiefs, with the initials woven in diamonds, are a late form of costly extravagance.

There are nearly 320,000 maldenants in London—nearly equal to the whole population of Sheffield.

The most ancient European coin, the drachma, was first struck in the mint of Venice, about 1284.

Phoenix Park, Dublin, is one of the finest cycling grounds in the world. There are 7 miles of excellent roads.

The Government of the Congo State has decided to build another railway at a cost of £4,000,000.

St. Pancras Vestry have refused the Street Syndicate Co. permission to erect kiosks in the parish.

At St. Asaph, a copy of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" printed by R. Pynson in 1498, sold for £150.

It is announced from Managua that Gen. Santos Zelaya has inaugurated his second term of office as President of Nicaragua.

The Duke of Westminster has gone for a few days to Halkyn Castle, his seat in Flintshire, for change after his recent illness.

The next literary examination of Militia Subalterns will be held in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh on April 19 and following days.

Justice Bigham will preside at the annual dinner of the United Law Clerical Society, which will take place at Holborn Restaurant on May 23.

The Duke and Duchess of York have accepted an invitation to visit Swansea early in April to open a new pier at the Mumbles.

A proposal has been made by a French chemist to obtain easily assimilable iron tonics from vegetables by feeding the plants judiciously with iron fertilisers.

It is said that the entire African race in America is gradually becoming bleached, and that the process of years the black face will disappear entirely.

Each policeman in the Metropolitan and City of London forces is estimated to cost on an average about 268 pence annually, and he arrests about 9 persons a year.

The British Army rifle has 82 component parts, in the production of which 932 machines are employed, as well as various processes which do not require machinery.

A woman, an old woman who lately died in Vienna showed that she had spent 38,240 florins on lottery tickets, while her winnings amounted to only 500 florins.

Dr. Brown, Bishop of Bristol, was the first cleric in England elected in England, and for many years did excellent work as a J.P. at Cambridge.

Lord Farquhar will preside at a meeting in the Mansion House on Monday, March 14, in support of the work of the Church Army among the coloured people.

The number of women and girls employed in the textile trades in England is as follows:—Cotton trade, 58,480; woollen and worsted trade, 16,870; and the silk trade, 1,760; making a total of 77,110.

Chinese characters are telegraphed; figure have to be used corresponding to certain words. Only one-eighth of the words of the language are in this code, but this has been found sufficient for practical purposes.

An automatic electric music leaf-turner, the latest patent. It is claimed for it that it can be easily attached to any piano music-rack, and it is operated by touching a button with the foot.

Belgium is the home of the racing pigeon, and the sport is a national game, and a good pigeon frequently wins for its owner large sums of money, the prizes being considerable, to which heavy pools are added.

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Coroner: You look it, and no mistake. Witness: Quite right.

The eye of a dragonfly contains 28,000 polished lenses.

Sugar alone will apparently sustain life for a considerable time.

Under British rule, the cotton crop of Egypt has doubled, and now amounts to over 500,000,000 lb. a year.

An eminent scientist says that caterpillars cannot see more than two-fifths of an inch in front of them.

A Rio de Janeiro despatch says it is announced that the Government is firmly resolved not to lease the Central Railway.

Her Majesty's cruiser Brisk (Capt. F. St. G. Rich) will return to England to pay off on the arrival of the Eacoon at Aden.

In Abyssinia not so very long ago the salt was the principal medium of exchange, being practically used as money.

Japanese auctions are conducted in silence. Each bidder writes name and bid on a slip of paper, which he places in a box.

The earliest complete clock of which an accurate record exists was made in the 13th century by a Saracen mechanic.

It is said that cold weather increases the consumption of bread, 20 per cent. more being eaten in frosty than in mild weather.

The shoe factories use 1,000,000 kangaroo skins yearly. Australians have begun to raise and breed kangaroos as a source of income.

Simla, India, is built on the side of a steep hill, and the roof of one house is often on a level with the foundation of one on the next tier.

The number of matadors who took part in bull fights last year in Spain was 23. They received for their services altogether about £45,000.

The Escorial Palace in Spain contains a cathedral, a monastery with 200 cells, 2 colleges, 3 chapter-houses, 3 libraries, and nearly 3,000 other rooms.

The Belgian Government, it is stated, offers a prize of £2,000 to anyone who will discover a chemical that will take the place of white phosphorus in match making.

It was stated at the last meeting of the London Guardians that during the last year £233 had been spent in purchasing tobacco for the male inmates of the workhouse.

The standing armies of Europe in 1897 numbered 1,500,000 men, and the rate of 3 miles an hour would take 11 days for every man could have passed any given point.

Naturalists declare that the kestrel is possessed of such wonderful powers of sight that it is able to see a mouse when it is itself at such a height in the air that it is invisible to the naked human eye.

A serious fire broke out at Milford Haven at the drapery warehouse of Messrs. Perkins, in Charles-st. The warehouse was destroyed, as well as 2 other shops.

The London Hotel was much damaged by the fire.

The presence of Lord Wenlock, who was indisposed, Mr. A. F. Jeffreys M.P., presided at a council meeting of the Central and Associated Chambers of Agriculture, which was held at the Society of Arts, Adelphi.

Women magistrates have just secured a slight addition to their legal rights. They must henceforth be valid witnesses to registration of births, marriages, and deaths, and to the signatures in legal documents.

A simple and very effective way to remove the habit of biting their nails is to wet the fingers with quassia tea and allow them to dry. When washed, it will be a bitter reminder to cease the practice.

Henry Marshall, engineer's fitter, was fined 3s. for being in a disorderly manner outside Messrs. Thorneycroft's premises at Chiswick, where he had been unsuccessful in obtaining employment.

There was a summons at Greenwich against Francis Murch, compositor, for damaging a stained-glass window at Silverdale, Sydenham, where his wife lived. Mr. Poole, who appeared in the case, said defendant was dead.

In the French Navy it is found that the best seamen are those who are men-of-war, and who are affected by the eyes of seamen who have to work about the light, and dark blue spectacles are supplied to them for protection. Brown eyes are less affected than grey or blue ones.

The latest developments of insurance business are interesting. You can buy braces which entitle your next-of-kin to £100 if you are killed while wearing them; and there are also hats which entitle your heirs to a similar amount if you are found dead with one.

Elizabeth Hartley was sentenced to penal servitude for 10 years at Manchester for throwing vitriol in the face of another young woman named Frances St. John. Jealousy was the cause of the act. Prosecutrix has lost the sight of one eye and her face is permanently disfigured.

Out of the 91 persons sent for trial at Clerkenwell Sessions nearly half of the number had been previously convicted of some form of crime. The calendar showed a considerable increase in the number of persons appearing in court in 1897, when only 55 men and women were committed on various charges.

A funeral service for the late Gen. Moberly took place at St. Paul's, Paddington, among those present being Lord Rose, Sir G. Farwell, M.P., J. Aldred, M.P., Hon. E. Lyulph Stanley, Mr. E. Cecil, and the Rev. J. Coxhead. The body was interred subsequently at Kensal Green. An immense number of wreaths were received from all the principal board schools of London.

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